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SUBJECT: REBILD DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED

REF: A) COPENHAGEN 2345; B) COPENHAGEN 2261;
C) COPENHAGEN A-63

SUMMARY: THERE WILL, AFTER ALL, BE COURT ACTION AGAINST
45 OF THE 57 PERSONS ORIGINALLY ARRESTED AND THEN RELEASED
FOR DEMONSTRATING AT THE REBILD FESTIVAL ON JULY 4. END
SUMMARY.

1. REF MESSAGES NOTED THE SMALL BUT DISTASTEFUL LEFT-
WING DEMONSTRATIONS STAGED AT THE JULY 4TH REBILD FESTIVAL
THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DANISH PUBLIC AND PRESS CRITICISM
PROVOKED BY THE FAILURE OF THE LOCAL POLICE
CHIEF, KAI HARNE, TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATORS.
HARNE HAS NOW BEEN OVERRULED BY THE DANISH STATE ATTORNEY, OLE
STIGEL, OF AALBORG.

2. ON AUGUST 18, STIGEL ANNOUNCED THAT 41 OF THE 45 WILL BE
CHARGED WITH VIOLATING POLICE REGULATIONS AGAINST
"FIGHTING, SHOUTING, LOUD SINGING OR OTHER LOUD, VIOLENT
INSULT OR THE LIKE, DISTURBING THE PUBLIC PEACE OR CAUSING
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INCONVENIENCE FOR OTHERS PRESENT". THE DEMONSTRATOR

WHO THREW A BAG CONTAINING ANIMAL BLOOD IS AMONG THESE
41. IF FOUND GUILTY, PUNISHMENT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE FINES
OF ONLY ABOUT DKR 200 (ABOUT \$32). ONE DEMONSTRATOR WHO
CARRIED A BAYONET WILL BE CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF THE
ARMS LAW AND THREE FOR BEING INTOXICATED.

3. JYLLANDS POSTEN (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) REPORTED
THAT THE STATE ATTORNEY'S DECISION TO RAISE A CASE
AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATORS FROM "SOLVOGNET" (REF B) IS
APPLAUDED BY THE REBILD SOCIETY WHOSE PRESIDENT, ERIK
EMBORG, SAID ANY OTHER DECISION WOULD HAVE CONTRADICTED
THE DANISH FEELING OF JUSTICE.

4. "SOLVOGNET" MEMBERS HAVE TOLD THE PRESS THAT THEY
ARE HAPPY BECAUSE NOW THEY CAN CONTINUE THEIR "INDIAN
DEMONSTRATION" IN COURST. ALL 45 PLAN TO DRESS FOR THEIR
"LEGAL SHOWDOWN" IN COURT IN THE SAME COSTUMES USED AT
THE REBILD DEMONSTRATION.
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